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SUBJECT: TFRW01: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED
CROSS BRIEFING ON RWANDA CRISIS AS OF APRIL 22

1. SUMMARY. ICRC BRIEFED GOVERNMENTS ON APRIL 22 REGARDING THEIR ACTIVITIES TO ALLEVIATE THE CRISIS IN RWANDA. THEY REPORTED THAT VIOLENCE HAD SPREAD TO ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND HUGE POPULATION MOVEMENTS WERE TAKING PLACE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED REASONS WHY RELATIVELY FEW RWANDANS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FLEE THE COUNTRY THROUGH THE CLOSED BORDERS. FOOD NEEDS IN THE COMING MONTHS WILL BE IMMENSE. END SUMMARY.

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2. ON THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 22, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS (ICRC) BRIEFED GOVERNMENTS ON THE SITUATION IN RWANDA. DISCUSSIONS WERE LED BY JEAN-DANIEL TAUXE, DELEGATE GENERAL FOR AFRICA; ANDREAS LENDORFF, HEAD OF THE RELIEF DIVISION; AND HARALD SCHMID DE GRUNECK, HEAD OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

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3. TAUXE OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY SAYING THE AFRICAN CONTINENT HAD SELDOM WITNESSED SUCH HORROR AS IN RWANDA. HE SAID HE WAS VERY CAREFUL IN USING FIGURES, BUT HE FEARS THAT OVER 100,000 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE LAST 15 DAYS AS THE VIOLENCE SPREAD FROM KIGALI TO ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. (NOTE. ICRC'S PRESS RELEASE TWO DAYS EARLIER SPOKE OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DEATHS. END NOTE.)

4. TAUXE SAID THAT ICRC HAD DECIDED TO KEEP ITS DELEGATES IN RWANDA, DESPITE THE INCIDENT (REPORTED EARLIER) IN WHICH SIX WOUNDED RWANDANS IN AN ICRC

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AMBULANCE WERE KILLED, AND ANOTHER INCIDENT (OF WHICH WE WERE UNAWARE) IN WHICH PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM AN ICRC-RUN HOSPITAL WERE THEN KILLED IN FRONT OF THE HOSPITAL. TAUXE SAID THAT, TECHNICALLY, ICRC CAN REMAIN IN RWANDA BUT THE LACK OF SECURITY PREVENTS IT FROM PERFORMING ITS JOB. HE SAID THAT ICRC'S PAST EFFORTS TO DISSEMINATE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN RWANDA WERE CURRENTLY SUCCESSFUL IN ENSURING RESPECT FOR RED CROSS PERSONNEL, BUT NOT FOR THE RULES OF THE RED CROSS.

5. TAUXE SAID THAT MOST CASUALTIES WERE COMING NOT FROM FIGHTING BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES AND THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT, BUT FROM THE ARMED CIVILIAN MILITIAS KILLING ALL OF THEIR ENEMIES. HE SAID IT WOULD BE AN UNDERSTATEMENT TO SAY THE ARMY CANNOT CONTROL THE MILITIAS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE MACHINE GUNS AND ARE DRUNK BY 3:00 IN THE AFTERNOON. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF VICTIMS HAVE BEEN TUTSIS.

6. HE THEN REVIEWED THE SITUATION AROUND THE COUNTRY:

KIGALI -- ICRC HAS 22 EXPAT DELEGATES (MOSTLY FOR MEDICAL/SURGICAL NEEDS). THERE ALSO IS AN MSF TEAM WORKING UNDER ICRC AUSPICES AND OTHER VOLUNTEER EXPATS

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WHO JOINED THE ICRC EFFORT WHEN THE EMERGENCY STRUCK.

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BUTARE -- ICRC HAS TWO DELEGATES. FIGHTING THERE HAS BEEN TERRIBLE FOR THE LAST THREE DAYS, SIMILAR TO EVENTS THAT OCCURRED IN KIGALI FOR OVER A WEEK AFTER THE APRIL 6 PLQC DELEGATES IN A HOTEL REPORTED ON THURSDAY THAT RWANDANS TRYING TO SEEK SHELTER IN THE

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HOTEL WERE KILLED IN THEIR ROOMS. ICRC ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE 100 -150,000 INTERNALLY-DISPLACED RWANDANS IN THE BUTARE AREA. THE BURUNDI REFUGEES WHO HAD BEEN THERE ARE GONE; APPARENTLY, A GROUP OF 50,000 PUSHED THEIR WAY INTO BURUNDI THIS MORNING AND OTHERS HAVE DISPERSED IN AN ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT BACK TO THEIR VILLAGES IN BURUNDI BY THEIR OWN MEANS.

NORTHEAST -- ICRC ESTIMATES THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INTERNALLY-DISPLACED PERSONS IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE RPF.

SOUTHEAST (KIBUNGO AREA) -- ICRC ESTIMATES THERE ARE 250

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- 300,000 INTERNALLY-DISPLACED PERSONS NEAR THE

TANZANIAN BORDER.

SOUTHWEST (CYANGUGU AREA) -- ICRC ESTIMATES THERE ARE
HUNDRED OF THOUSANDS OF INTERNALLY-DISPLACED PERSONS.

TAUXE EXPLAINED THAT INSIDE RWANDA, IT WAS AS IF THE
WHOLE POPULATION HAD MOVED.

7. TAUXE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN
BURUNDI. RENEWED FIGHTING IN BUJUMBURA OVER THE LAST
TWO DAYS HAD RESULTED IN THE ROAD FROM BUJUMBURA TO
KIGALI BEING CLOSED. PRIOR TO THE CLOSURE, AN ICRC
CONVOY WITH MEDICAL AND RELIEF SUPPLIES WAS ABLE TO PASS
ON THURSDAY. AS OF MID-AFTERNOON FRIDAY, THE CONVOY
HAD MADE IT TO GITARAMA (WHERE THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT IS
LOCATED) HEADED TOWARD KIGALI. ONE OF THEIR TOP STAFF
MEMBERS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS PAUL GROSSRIEDER,
IS TRAVELING WITH THE CONVOY.

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8. TAUXE DISCUSSED THE REASONS FOR THE RELATIVELY LOW NUMBER OF RWANDAN REFUGEES WHO HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY, AND THE FACT THAT THE BORDERS HAVE BEEN CLOSED. HE SPECULATED THAT THERE WAS CLOSE COLLABORATION AMONG ARMIES IN THE REGION TO KEEP RWANDANS FROM CROSSING BORDERS. HE CITED AN EXAMPLE OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN CROSSING A BORDER: THE BUJUMBURA-KIGALI CONVOY, WHOSE MOVEMENT HAD BEEN APPROVED EARLIER BY THE GRB, WAS HELD UP FOR FOUR HOURS ON THE BURUNDI SIDE WHEN LOCAL AUTHORITIES SAID THEIR INSTRUCTIONS WERE NOT TO LET

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ANYONE CROSS THE BORDER. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI DID NOT WANT REFUGEES COMING INTO BURUNDI WITH HORROR STORIES THAT COULD INFLAME PASSIONS THERE. HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THE BORDER CLOSURES COULD BE MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, AND CITED TODAY'S EXAMPLE OF BURUNDI REFUGEES CROSSING OUT OF SOUTHERN RWANDA (PARA 6).

9. A DANISH REPRESENTATIVE ASKED ABOUT THE UNSC DECISION TO DRAW DOWN UNAMIR. TAUXE TRIED TO AVOID GETTING INTO A POLITICAL DISCUSSION, BUT HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE BELIEVED NOW WAS THE TIME TO "GATHER ALL FORCES" TO LIMIT THE TRAGEDY. HE SAID THE UNAMIR MANDATE HAD BEEN SO LIMITED THAT MANY BELGIAN SOLDIERS HAD BEEN "DISGUSTED" THAT THEY WERE "SITTING DUCKS," UNABLE TO ACT.

10. MISSIONOFF ASKED ABOUT VARIOUS REPORTS THAT UP TO 12,000 TUTSIS IN A STADIUM NEAR KIGALI COULD BE PUT AT RISK OF BEING MASSACRED BY THE DRAWDOWN OF UNAMIR, AND THAT THE TUTSIS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE CONSIDERING MASS SUICIDE. TAUXE SAID HE WAS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE AMORO (SP?) STADIUM ON THE WAY TO KIGALI AIRPORT WAS UNDER RPF CONTROL, SO THAT TUTSIS IN THE STADIUM SHOULD NOT BE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER. ICRC HAS PROVIDED CROSS-LINE (GOVERNMENT-TO-RPF-AREA) ASSISTANCE TO THE STADIUM THREE TIMES IN RECENT DAYS. HE THOUGHT THAT THE MORE IMMEDIATE THREAT WAS LIKELY TO BE FROM SHELLING, WHICH HAS INTENSIFIED IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

11. THE BELGIAN REP SPOKE OF THE HUMANITARIAN ROLE OF

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UNAMIR. TAUKE SAID THAT ARMY OFFICERS MAY HAVE
UNDERSTOOD THE CHANGE IN UNAMIR'S ROLE, BUT THE AVERAGE
POPULATION BELIEVED THAT UNAMIR FAVORED THE RPF.

12. LENDORFF DESCRIBED ICRC'S SYSTEM OF
LOGISTICS/COMMUNICATIONS/RELIEF SUPPLIES, WHICH TAKES
ADVANTAGE OF THEIR ALREADY-EXISTING PRESENCE IN RWANDA
AND THE REGION. HE SAID THEY HAVE CLOSE TO 6,000 M.T.
OF FOOD IN KIGALI AND ARE NEGOTIATING WITH ALL INVOLVED
PARTIES TO PREVENT IT FROM BEING LOOTED. ICRC ALSO IS
COOPERATING WITH THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAM, WHICH HAS PUT
AT ICRC'S DISPOSAL ANOTHER 6,000 TONS. HE SAID IT WAS
NOW VERY DIFFICULT TO PLAN THE SIZE OF THE OPERATION
THAT WILL EVENTUALLY BE NEEDED. HE ALERTED DONOR

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GOVERNMENTS THAT INCREASED FOOD SUPPLIES ARE LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED, PARTICULARLY SINCE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES' STOCKS HAVE BEEN DEPLETED.

13. LENDORFF SAID THE BEST-CASE SCENARIO FOR FOOD SUPPLIES WOULD BE IF RWANDANS WERE ABLE TO RETURN HOME BY THE PLANTING SEASON (END-JUNE). HE FEARS THAT LARGE-SCALE FOOD AID COULD BE REQUIRED UNTIL AT LEAST EARLY 1995, AND A MILLION BENEFICIARIES WOULD NOT BE AN EXAGGERATION.

14. TAUXE PREDICTED THAT AFTER THE MASSACRES END IN THE SOUTH, THERE WOULD STILL BE A "WAR FRONT" BETWEEN THE RPF-CONTROLLED AREA IN THE NORTH AND THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED AREAS. HE SAID THAT, THUS FAR, THE GOVERNMENTS OF ZAIRE AND UGANDA HAD PLAYED A NEUTRAL ROLE AND IT REMAINS CRITICAL THAT THEY DO SO. IF THEY WERE TO BECOME INVOLVED, HE FEARED FOR THE ENTIRE REGION IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

15. SCHMID DE GRUNECK SAID THAT ICRC HAD THUS FAR RECEIVED SW.FR. 3.8 MILLION (USD 2.6 MILLION) IN EARMARKED CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE SW.FR. 40 MILLION APPEAL FOR RWANDA RELEASED IN 12/93, PLUS NON-EARMARKED

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CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED TOWARD THEIR AFRICA APPEAL (SUCH
AS THAT OF STATE/RP). HE SAID THAT AT THIS TIME ICRC IS
UNABLE TO PROVIDE DONORS WITH AN INDICATION OF THE
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EXTENT OF NEW FINANCIAL NEEDS FOR THE RWANDA EMERGENCY.

16. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SPIEGEL

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